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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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JULY 7, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF WASTE TIRE CLEANUP AND AMNESTY EVENT GRANT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to accept a grant in the amount of \$145,778 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to assist in funding Countywide waste tire cleanup programs and collection events.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Accept a grant in the amount of \$145,778 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to fund the clean up of waste tires illegally dumped within the County road right of way and to partially fund eight waste tire collection events throughout the County where residents may drop off their waste tires to be recycled free of charge.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the Board action is to accept the State grant. This action is necessary for the County to receive grant funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to implement the County's waste tire cleanup and collection program. The grant is funded through the State's "Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Programs."

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by securing external funding sources for projects that are beneficial to communities and the environment; and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing responsive waste management services, thereby improving the quality of life for County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The estimated cost for the removal and disposal of waste tires from the County road right of way is \$55,778 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Solid Waste Management Fund budget, which will be reimbursed through the grant.

The estimated cost for the eight waste tire amnesty collection events is \$150,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Solid Waste Management Fund budget. Funding from this grant in the amount of \$90,000 will be utilized to partially reimburse the cost to conduct the collection events. This grant will result in a net cost to the Solid Waste Management Fund of \$60,000. The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale will contribute in-kind services, which will consist of providing collection sites, local outreach, and traffic control for the two collection events in the Antelope Valley.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In January 2009 Public Works submitted a grant application to the CIWMB under their "Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Programs." At their April 21, 2009, meeting, the CIWMB recommended the grant application for funding.

Of the total \$145,778 grant amount awarded, \$55,778 will be used to fund the collection and disposal of waste tires illegally dumped within County road right of way. Facilitating the cleanup of the tires will greatly benefit communities throughout the County. Waste tires disposed of on public roadways and alleys have negative impacts on community aesthetics, traffic accessibility, health, and safety, particularly when disposed of near schools, residences, and community facilities. Stockpiled waste tires have the potential to serve as nesting areas for rodents and breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which can spread the West Nile virus. Waste tires can also catch on fire and release toxic smoke.

The remaining grant funding in the amount of \$90,000 will be used to fund eight waste tire collection events which enable residents to drop off their waste tires to be recycled free of charge. The collection events will be conducted during Fiscal Year 2009-10 at

various locations throughout the County, including two collection events in the Antelope Valley in partnership with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to the departments conducting activities covered under this grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant is attached.

On March 21, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute agreements and any amendments needed to secure grants with the CIWMB.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In 1993 your Board approved the environmental document for collection events which are a facet of the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program, which is a component of the Los Angeles County Source Reduction and Recycling Element. The Negative Declaration found that the program will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(2) of CEQA, the proper disposal of waste tires illegally dumped along the County's road right of way does not constitute a project since it is a continuing maintenance activity and therefore is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

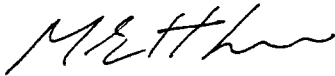
The grant will augment the County's operations to maintain clean and traversable roadways and the County's Integrated Waste Tire Management Program by providing free tire recycling services to County residents.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,



*for* GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

# Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

## Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

**Department:** Public Works

**Grant Project Title and Description:**

Waste Tire Cleanup and Collection Events Fiscal Year 2009-10

Cleanup Project: Collect and dispose of illegally dumped waste tires dumped within County road right-of-ways. The estimated cleanup project cost is \$55,778.

Collection Events: Conduct eight tire collection events where the residents may drop off their waste tires to be recycled, free of charge. Two of the collection events will be conducted in the Antelope Valley in partnership with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. Six collection events will take place at various locations throughout the Los Angeles basin. The estimated cost for the collection events is \$150,000.

**Funding Agency:**  
California Integrated Waste  
Management Board

**Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill  
or Code #):**  
Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant

**Grant Acceptance Deadline:**  
Upon Board approval

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$145,778

**County Match:** \$60,000 (hard costs)\*

**Grant Period:** 12 months

**Begin Date:** July 2009 **End Date:** June 2010

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:** 0 **Full Time:** N/A

**Part Time:** N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes:	No: NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes:	No: NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes: X	** No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:** NA  
**Other requirements not mentioned above:** None

\* The Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster will provide an in-kind match through the provision of collection sites, public outreach, and traffic control.

\*\* This program will be continued by the County in accordance to the Source Reduction and Recycling Element adopted by the Board in 1993 to meet the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Act (AB 939).

Department Head Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6/24/09